

**Village of Indian Head Park
201 Acacia Drive
Indian Head Park, IL 60525**

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

“Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2.06 (3) minutes of public meetings shall include, but need not be limited to: a general description of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided, and a record of votes taken.”

Thursday, February 11, 2010

7:30 P.M.

★ CALL TO ORDER - MAYOR RICHARD ANDREWS

The regular scheduled meeting of the Village of Indian Head Park Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at the Municipal Facility, 201 Acacia Drive, and was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Richard Andrews. Village Clerk Joe Consolo called the roll as follows:

★ ROLL CALL: JOSEPH V. CONSOLO, VILLAGE CLERK

PRESENT (AND CONSTITUTING A QUORUM):

Mayor Richard Andrews
Trustee Debbie Anselmo
Trustee Brian T. Bailey
Trustee Anne Bermier
Trustee Norman L. Schnaufer

ALSO PRESENT:

Steve Busa, Treasurer
Joseph V. Consolo, Village Clerk
Richard Ramello, Counsel, Storino, Ramello & Durkin
Edward Santen, Water/Public Works Superintendent

NOT PRESENT:

Frank Alonzo, Chief of Police/Administration
Trustee Carol Coleman
Trustee Matthew P. Walsh II

★ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Richard Andrews and the Board of Trustees led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: *“I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all”*.

★ **MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Andrews reported that the Board will be voting to approve an ordinance on the consent agenda this evening to increase the water rate by 31 cents per 1,000 gallons of water. He noted that the increase is a straight pass-through charge from the City of Countryside to the Village of Indian Head Park and the Board discussed that water rate increase at least two years ago when the City of Countryside provided a projection on future water rate increases to Indian Head Park. Mayor Andrews mentioned that a water conservation article appeared in the *Chicago Tribune* last week and a report was issued by the Regional Water Supply Planning Group. He noted the article mentioned that possibly people could conserve water since the price to keep water flowing is becoming more expensive to deliver it to the consumer. Mayor Andrews stated that 68.8% of local water is supplied by Lake Michigan water and distributed to several counties including Lake, McHenry, Boone, DeKalb, Kane, Kendall, Grundy, Will, DuPage and Cook. He noted that 14.3% of water is supplied to some areas by local rivers and 16.9% of water is supplied from ground water.

Mayor Andrews stated that the Village has water conservation restrictions in place during the summer months to limit the use of water for outdoor purposes. He noted that the price of delivering water to the consumer keeps increasing and he urged residents to conserve water.

Mayor Andrews reported that a meeting was initially scheduled by the Township of Lyons to discuss awards of the township park bond funds. However, due to a winter storm, the meeting was canceled and will be rescheduled to February 16, 2010. He noted that Trustee Anselmo and Trustee Schnauffer will attend the meeting on the Village’s behalf.

Mayor Andrews stated that he mentioned in his administration message in the last issue of Smoke Signals that it is important for residents to participate and be counted in the upcoming 2010 Census. He noted that the census statistics will determine how much of the Village’s share of funding from Motor Fuel Tax, income tax and other revenues will come back to Indian Head Park. Mayor Andrews stated that these are tax dollars that residents have already spent. He noted there is no cost to residents to be counted in the census so an accurate population for Indian Head Park can be determined by the U.S. Census Bureau to provide the share of those tax revenue dollars and federal tax dollars that are apportioned back to the local level.

Mayor Andrews noted that a Census Complete Committee was established for Indian Head Park by resolution at the last meeting. Mayor Andrews further noted that he will serve on the Committee as well as Trustee Anne Bermier, Frank Alonzo and Kathy Leach. Mayor Andrews mentioned that U.S. Census form questionnaires will be mailed to residents sometime in March. April 1, 2010 is National Census Day. The Census questionnaire will have ten questions that should take no more than ten minutes to complete and return and from April to July 2010 census personnel will visit the area to follow-up with individuals that have not returned the Census questionnaire forms. Mayor Andrews stated that representatives from the U.S. Census Bureau will have official identification badges including their name and a photo. In December, the results of the 2010 Census are reported to the President of the United States and February 2011 those results are reported to the individual states which uses that data for redistricting.

Mayor Andrews noted that 400 billion dollars at the current level of federal spending each year is apportioned and distributed based on population for various projects throughout the United States.

Mayor Andrews congratulated the Boy Scouts of America Council on celebrating their 100th anniversary. He noted the Board will vote to approve a resolution on the consent agenda this evening.

Mayor Andrews stated that representatives from Safe Speed were initially scheduled to provide a presentation to the Board this evening. He noted that the presentation will take place at a later date.

★ CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of an Ordinance Amending Title 13 entitled “Public Services” of the Indian Head Park Municipal Code - Water/Sewer Rates (Ordinance #10-1)

Approval of a Resolution Regarding the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America (Resolution #R2-10-1)

Trustee Schnaufer moved, seconded by Trustee Bermier, to approve the consent agenda, as presented. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (4/0/2).

Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Schnaufer

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman, Walsh

★ APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting - January 14, 2010

After review of Board meeting minutes, Trustee Bailey moved, seconded by Trustee Bermier to approve the January 14, 2010 regular Board meeting minutes, as presented. Carried by unanimous voice vote (4/0/2).

★ **FINANCIAL REPORTS - TREASURER STEVE BUSA**

Approval of Financial Report for the month ending January 31, 2010

Treasurer Busa presented the financial report for the month ending January 31, 2010. For the month of January, he noted: (1) total revenues were \$300,427.81; (2) expenditures were \$293,751.88 and; (3) total fund balances in all accounts at the end of January were \$271,863.91. Treasurer Busa noted that the first installment real estate property tax bills were sent by Cook County. He mentioned that due to a recent change in the law, 55% of the prior year's real estate taxes will be due on the first installment. Treasurer Busa stated that the first installment tax bill was always based on 50% of the prior year's total tax bill but the new law changes it to 55%. He noted that the Village will have a temporary increase in the portion of real estate revenue when the first installments are paid and less on the second installment when those amounts are collected. Treasurer Busa stated that there are delays at the Cook County level in sending the tax bills out and the new law will help municipalities to receive their portion of those revenues.

Trustee Schnaufer moved, seconded by Trustee Anselmo, to approve the financial report for the month ending January 31, 2010 as presented by Treasurer Busa. Carried by unanimous roll call vote (4/0/2).

Ayes: Trustees: Anselmo, Bailey, Bermier, Schnaufer,

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman, Walsh

QUESTIONS AND/OR COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE BY INDIAN HEAD PARK RESIDENTS ONLY

Al Krisciunas, of Briarwood, complimented the Indian Head Park Public Works Department staff on a fine job salting and plowing the streets throughout Acacia this winter season. He noted that the accumulation of snow at the driveways at some points in Acacia were as high as eighteen-inches (18") to twenty-four inches (24") and it was difficult for many residents to get out of their driveways. Al Krisciunas asked if the Village snow plow blades could be reversed when the snow is being plowed so it does not cause driveways to be blocked by snow. He noted that Acacia crews clear the driveways for Acacia residents after the Village crews have plowed the streets and the large volume of snow during the last storm caused many problems for residents.

Mayor Andrews stated that everyone has a driveway Village-wide and there will always be an accumulation of snow at the driveways when the streets are plowed. He asked Superintendent Santen to comment on the snow plow procedures.

Superintendent Santen stated that when there is an opportunity to place snow elsewhere during the plowing, Village crews will make every effort to clear the streets. He noted that once the streets in Acacia are cleared and salted it is the responsibility of Acacia crews to clear the driveways. Superintendent Santen stated that sometimes when Acacia crews are clearing the driveways that snow is deposited back into the street after the Public Works crews are finished clearing the streets and that makes more work for the Public Works staff. He stated that he would be glad to meet with representatives of Acacia to discuss how Acacia could work with the Village during the snow season.

Mayor Andrews stated that the Public Works Department staff does a great job in keeping the streets cleared during the snow season and there will always be some snow at driveways that residents may need to shovel. Mayor Andrews asked Trustee Bermier, Trustee Coleman and Frank Alonzo to meet with Superintendent Santen to discuss if there are any options with regard to plowing to incorporate during the snow season. Trustee Bermier stated that there was a substantial snow during the last storm and she asked if someone calls the Village that needs to get out of their driveway to make it to a doctor's appointment or the hospital would the Public Works clear that area. Superintendent Santen stated that if there is a medical emergency and a substantial amount of snow is blocking the driveway, Public Works will clear the area but only for an emergency situation. He suggested that residents call 911 if there is a medical emergency.

Al Krisciunas stated that the Acacia Board will be meeting in a couple of weeks and a report will be provided to the Acacia Board. Trustee Anselmo inquired if the driveways in Acacia are blocked with snow only on the streets with cul-de-sacs. Al Krisciunas stated that in general all the driveways are blocked during heavy snowfalls when the plows come through those areas.

Mayor Andrews stated that the Village sponsored Easter Egg Hunt will be held on the first Saturday in April at Blackhawk Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Bailey moved, seconded by Trustee Anselmo, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 8:10 p.m. Carried by unanimous voice vote (4/0/2).

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Leach, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary